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Further information on UA 107/91 (AFR 32/13/91, 20 March 1991) - Legal Concern

KENYA: Joseph Njoroge WATORO, journalist

Joseph Njoroge Watoro was arrested in Nairobi in early March 1991, brought to court on 14 March and charged with sedition. The charges arose from from allegations that he had published a seditious letter referred to in the Nairobi Law Monthly. His case was joined with that of the editor of the Nairobi Law Monthly, Gitobu Imanyara who faced a similar sedition charge (see UA 79/91 and follow-ups). Both men have now been released and charges against them have been dropped.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Airmail letters:

- welcoming the release of Joseph Watoro, considered by Amnesty International to be a prisoner of conscience, and the dropping of the charges against him.

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